

February 28, 2005

Marlene Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Room TW B204  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: National Association of State Utility Consumer Advocates' (NASUCA) Petition for Declaratory Ruling Regarding Truth-In-Billing and Billing Format, CG Docket No. 04-208

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pursuant to Section 1.1206(b) of the Federal Communications Commission's (Commission) Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.206(b), notice is being provided that on Monday, February 28, 2005, the attached letters were sent to the Commission's five Commissioners seeking their support to preserve State authority over the billing practices of telecommunications carriers with respect to monthly surcharges and fees.

Sincerely,

Louise E. Rickard  
Acting Executive Secretary

Attach

February 28, 2005

Kathleen Q. Abernathy  
Commissioner  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: National Association of State Utility Consumer Advocates' (NASUCA) Petition for Declaratory Ruling Regarding Truth-In-Billing and Billing Format, CG Docket No. 04-208

Dear Commissioner Abernathy:

Please accept this letter seeking your support to preserve State authority over the billing practices of wireline and wireless carriers with respect to the imposition of monthly surcharges and fees.

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If you have any questions about this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me at 860.827.2655.

Sincerely,

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Anne C. George  
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Jonathan S. Adelstein  
Commissioner  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: National Association of State Utility Consumer Advocates' (NASUCA) Petition for Declaratory Ruling Regarding Truth-In-Billing and Billing Format, CG Docket No. 04-208

Dear Commissioner Adelstein:

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Michael J. Copps  
Commissioner  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: National Association of State Utility Consumer Advocates' (NASUCA) Petition for Declaratory Ruling Regarding Truth-In-Billing and Billing Format, CG Docket No. 04-208

Dear Commissioner Copps:

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Kevin J. Martin  
Commissioner  
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Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: National Association of State Utility Consumer Advocates' (NASUCA) Petition for Declaratory Ruling Regarding Truth-In-Billing and Billing Format, CG Docket No. 04-208

Dear Commissioner Martin:

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Michael K. Powell  
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Re: National Association of State Utility Consumer Advocates' (NASUCA) Petition for Declaratory Ruling Regarding Truth-In-Billing and Billing Format, CG Docket No. 04-208

Dear Chairman Powell:

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